

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (Currently Amended). A clear gel composition useful for skin care and protection, comprising: 30% to 80% w/w actual Dead Sea water; a non-ionic solubilizer; a hydrophobic active agent; a gelling agent or viscosity modifier; and deionized water to complete to 100%, the components being present in amounts that in combination provide a clear gel.

2 (Cancelled).

3 (Currently Amended). The gel composition according to claim 1, wherein the solubilizer is selected from the group consisting of: POE 20 sorbitan monolaurate, polyethylene glycol ether of oleyl alcohol ~~have~~ having 20 CH₂OCH₂ units, POE 20 sorbitan monooleate, polyethylene glycol ether of cetyl alcohol having 20 CH₂OCH₂ units, and PEG-hydrogenated castor oils-36, 40 and 60.

4 (Currently Amended). The gel composition according to claim 1, further comprising an antioxidant.

5 (Cancelled).

6 (Currently Amended). The gel composition according to claim 4, wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of: butylated hydroxy anisole, butylated hydroxy toluene, tocopherol, and tetrasodium ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid.

7-9 (Cancelled).

10 (Currently Amended). The gel composition according to claim 1, further comprising a hydrophilic active agent.

11 (Cancelled).

12 (Currently Amended). The gel composition according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophobic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: vegetable oils, free fatty acids, and vitamins.

13 (Currently Amended). The gel composition according to claim 10, wherein the hydrophilic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: humectants, α -hydroxy acids, anti-irritant agents, plant extracts, moisturizing agents and hydrolyzed plant proteins.

14 (Cancelled).

15 (Currently Amended). The gel composition according to claim 1, wherein the gelling agent or viscosity modifier is selected from the group consisting of: Guar gum, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, methylcellulose, magnesium aluminum silicate, and xanthan gum.

16. (Currently Amended). The gel composition according to claim 1, further comprising a fragrance.

17 (Currently Amended). The gel composition according to claim 16, wherein the fragrance is a synthetic

fragrance or an aromatic oil selected from the group
consisting of: ~~lavendar~~ lavender oil, patchouli oil, and
sandalwood oil.

18 (Currently Amended). The gel composition
according to claim ~~5-3,~~ wherein the hydrophobic active agent
is selected from the group consisting of: vegetable oils,
free fatty acids, and vitamins.

19 (Currently Amended). The gel composition
according to claim ~~5-3,~~ wherein the hydrophilic active agent
is selected from the group consisting of: humectants, α -
hydroxy acids, anti-irritant agents, plant extracts,
moisturizing agents and hydrolyzed plant proteins.

20 (Cancelled).

21 (Currently Amended). The gel composition
according to claim ~~5-3,~~ wherein the gelling agent or
viscosity modifier is selected from the group consisting of:
Guar gum, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl
methylcellulose, methylcellulose, magnesium aluminum
silicate, and xanthan gum.

22. (Currently Amended). The gel composition
according to claim ~~5-3, further including a~~ wherein the
fragrance that is a synthetic fragrance or an aromatic oil
selected from the group consisting of: ~~lavendar~~ lavender
oil, patchouli oil, and sandalwood oil.

23. (Currently Amended). The gel composition according to claim ~~5~~4, wherein the solubilizer is selected from the group consisting of: POE 20 sorbitan monolaurate, polyethylene glycol ether of oleyl alcohol having 20 CH₂OCH₂ units, POE 20 sorbitan monooleate, polyethylene glycol ether of cetyl alcohol having 20 CH₂OCH₂ units, and PEG-hydrogenated castor oils-36, 40 and 60.

24 (Currently Amended). The gel composition according to claim ~~5~~4, wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of: butylated hydroxy anisole, butylated hydroxy toluene, tocopherol, and tetrasodium ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid.

25-31 (Cancelled).